AN
ANALYSIS
OF THE
Tilbury Alterative Water
AT
WEST TILBURY HALL,
RECENTLY MADE
At the Inſtance of Mr. JOHN ELLISON,
By BRYAN HIGGINS, M.D.

WITH AN ACCOUNT

Of the remarkable and extraordinary Caſes of Mrs. BROWN and Mrs. NASH, and of its Efficacy in effecting their Cure after every Effort of Medicine had been tried without Succeſs.

1786.

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OF THE

Trinity Minority Voice

AT

West Tisbury Hall,

On the Island of Martha's Vineyard,

By Rev. [illegible]

ANALYSIS

Of the TILBURY ALTERATIVE WATER, *at* West Tilbury Hall.

THE Water at *West Tilbury Hall*, which I ſealed at the Well on the 22d of *September* 1779, contains in each *Wincheſter* gallon

	dwt.	*grs.*
Of calcareous earth, ſaturated with acidulous gas — — —	1	13
Of true nitre, with baſis of fixed vegetable alkali — — —	2	1
Of Sea Salt — — —	3	10
Of mineral alkali — —	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Of mineral oleaginous matter by eſtimation — — —	0	$1\frac{1}{4}$
	7	$2\frac{3}{4}$

Two quarts of acidulous gas, which in denſity is to temporate atmoſpheric air nearly as two to one, are contained in each gallon of this water, beyond the quantity of acidulous gas retained by the calcareous earth, in the heat of boiling water.

Greek Street, Soho,
Oct. 11, 1779. *B. HIGGINS.*

Dr. TRINDER's MEDICAL CHARACTER OF THIS WATER.

DR. TRINDER in his experiments of the properties and effects of this water, *viz.* that of *West Tilbury Hall*, lately publiſhed, ſays, "It has been found to be "very uſeful in the cure of diſeaſes ariſing "from acidity in the firſt paſſages, ſuch as "heart-burn, *&c.* and that it has been par-"ticularly ſerviceable in that ſort of gout "which is occaſioned by great debility in "the organs of digeſtion, herein the waters "of *Tilbury* may be ſafely relied on. He "alſo recommends it as a corrector of acid-"ity, and likely to do good in hyſterical and "in hypochondriacal caſes, particularly in "the melancholia nervea. It is alſo recom-"mended by a crowd of caſes as efficacious "in the cure of diarrhœa and even of dy-"ſentery."

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It is of a ſtraw colour, and has a very ſoft pleaſant taſte like milk, which circumſtances are particularly mentioned by Dr. Andree, Dr. Rutty, Dr. Monro, and other eminent phyſicians. Dr. Trinder ſays, his experiments agree well with the analyſis of Dr. Higgins, which ſhews that the quantity of medicinal ingredients in the water at *Weſt Tilbury Hall* is almoſt double that of the old well; it therefore avails little that the late rector of *Tilbury*, the churchwardens, and the other inhabitants of the pariſh did certify, "That the rector's well water had been "analyſed by ſeveral eminent phyſicians, "who found it to afford the ſame principles "as the other, except that in this they are "in greater quantity;" ſince the fact is, no authentic analyſis previous to that of Dr. Higgins ever was made to ſhew the real contents of theſe waters, and the comparative quantities of their ſeveral medicinal ingredients; and it is evident, that if the proprietor of the old well could have produced any ſuch analyſis in favour of the water he wants to ſell, he would have reſted on it in preference to a fabricated certificate written in 1759.

The following Letter received by Mr. ELLISON, *is an authentic Inſtance among many others, of the extraordinary Benefits ariſing from the Uſe of this Water.*

SIR,

I READILY comply with your requeſt, in hopes that your intended publication of my caſe may be uſeful to all that are afflicted as I have been.

FROM my fifty-ſixth to my fifty-eighth year, I was frequently attacked with tormenting pains in my back and loins, ſhooting downwards, and attended with ſickneſs at my ſtomach and loſs of appetite. My water came reddiſh in very ſmall quantity, with great difficulty and intolerable pain. It was frequently mixd with tough ſlime, and at other times with clotted blood, and great quantities of gravel. At the ſame time my body was ſwelled to an extraordinary ſize, and I was continually troubled with wind and pain in my bowels. During many months theſe diſorders were imputed to gravel in the kidney and bladder, and I took vaſt

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quantities of medicine without any relief. At laſt the late Dr. HOOPER, of St. *Martin's Lane*, adviſed me to try TILBURY WATER, which I had from the MINERAL WATER WAREHOUSE, in St. *Alban's Street*. In a few days after, I began to drink it at the rate of a bottle a day; my water came in due quantity, the pains ceaſed, the ſwelling in my body and bowels ſubſided, and the gravel paſſed off eaſily.

FROM this period which was in my fifty-eighth year, to the eighty-ſecond, I have at times been alarmed with ſome ſlight returns of the ſame diſorder, from which I was often relieved ſo ſoon as I had recourſe to the TILBURY WATER.

IN the ſeventy-ſecond or ſeventy-third year of my age, painful ſores broke out on the ſkin under my breaſts, and lower down, which dried up and diſappeared on my taking the TILBURY WATER. Theſe, which were called ſcorbutic, frequently returned during ten years, and were as often ſpeedily healed by uſe of the ſame water. About eight months ago, in my eighty-ſecond year an eruption appeared on many parts of my body and limbs, which made the ſkin hard and ſcaly;

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for this I drank the water with the uſual ſucceſs, and now I enjoy as good health as any woman at eighty-three can reaſonably expect. All that I have related is known to many, if not to all my neighbours, amongſt whom I have lived on this ſpot above forty years.

I am,

No. 11, *Bath-Court*,
Cold Bath-Fields,
Sept. 22, 1783.

SIR,

your humble Servant,

JANE BROWN.

N. B. THE public are reſpectfully requeſted to obſerve that this remarkable cure was performed by the water of *Weſt Tilbury Hall*, which has been found to contain nearly double the quantity of medicinal ingredients of any other ſpring of *Tilbury*.

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Another remarkable Inſtance of the Efficacy of this

WATER.

A FEW weeks ago, an entire ſtranger to Mr. ELLISON, a Mr. NASH, Coach-maker, in *Worſhip-Street*, *Moorfields*, called upon him, to inform him, that Mrs. NASH, his wife, had received an extraordinary cure from the TILBURY WATER, which he had prevailed upon her to try, by reading to her the remarkable Caſe of Mrs. BROWN, of *Cold Bath Fields*, publiſhed in the newſpapers of *September*, 1783. He at the ſame time expreſſed a wiſh to Mr. ELLISON, that her caſe might be made public, for the benefit of thoſe who labour under the like diſeaſe: In conſequence of which, Mr. ELLISON waited on Mrs. NASH, and received the following Account.

ABOVE four years ago, Mrs. NASH, then in the forty-ſixth year of her age, was attacked with a violent Diarrhœa, accompanied with vomiting, griping pains, and extreme weakneſs. In a little time, her food and drink paſſed through unaltered, and from a corpulent

lent habit, ſhe was reduced to an emaciated and deſperate ſtate, having during ſeveral months, received no permanent relief from medicines, which were frequently adminiſtered to her. Under theſe Circumſtances, ſhe tried *Tilbury Water*, and finding relief in a few days, perſiſted in the uſe of it for three or four months, at the expiration of which, ſhe was completely cured; and now is as healthy and as corpulent as ſhe was before, and is ready to vouch for the truth of this relation to any lady or gentleman, that will call on her for that purpoſe.

As waters of inferior ſtrength to that of *Weſt Tilbury Hall*, by which the proceeding cures was performed, have been, and now are, impoſed on the public, under the title of *Tilbury Alterative Water*, and put into bottles ſimilar to Mr. ELLISON's; to prevent ſuch impoſitions in future. Mr. ELLISON's name, with the words "WEST TILBURY HALL," is expreſſed on the bottles; of which the public are reſpectfully deſired to take particular notice.

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